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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Shelby County Health Department Emergency Operations Center and Safe Room** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Shelby County Health Department**, located at **814 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, TN 38105**. The funding would be used to **construct a new emergency operations center that will serve all seven municipalities of Shelby County, TN and will be managed by the Shelby County Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program**.

It is an appropriate use of taxpayer money because **an updated, modern emergency operations center will increase coordination, efficiency, and will improve lifesaving assistance in a public health or medical emergency. The Shelby County Health Department is mandated by the state of Tennessee to respond to all public health and medical emergencies.**

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 614 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5196c), as amended by section 202 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (9/11 Act).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Steve Cohen
Member of Congress